

DISABILITY NETWORK DIRECTORY

Blind / Low Vision Resources

American Council of the Blind (ACB)

2200 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 650

Arlington, VA 22201

202-467-5081 (V)

1-800-424-8666 (Toll Free)

E-mail: info@acb.org

www.acb.org

Advocate for blind and visually impaired people. Provide public education and awareness training, scholarship assistance, legal assistance, health care services, information about Social Security benefits for visually impaired people, vocational training and other health and social services. Publish a free monthly national magazine titled "The Braille Forum".

American Foundation for the Blind (AFB)

Information Center

1-800-232-5463 (Toll Free)

E-mail: afbinfo@afb.net

www.afb.org

National non-profit that expands possibilities for people with vision loss. Information on living with vision loss, education, employment, technology, Braille, and blindness statistics.

Public Policy Center

1660 L Street, NW, Suite 513

Washington, DC 20036

202-469-6831 (V)

E-mail: afbgov@afb.net

Information on federal and state programs offering education and rehabilitation of blind persons, as well as laws that relate to economic status and civil rights.

Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind

Administrative Office

Tony Cancelosi, President and CEO

1825 K Street, NW, Suite 1103

Washington, DC 20006

202-454-6400 (V)

E-mail: EFarnham@clb.org

Programs & Services

6200 Baltimore Avenue, Suite 100

Riverdale, MD 20737

240-737-5100 (V)

Montgomery County Office

8720 Georgia Avenue, Suite 210

Silver Spring, MD 20910

301-589-0894 (V)

E-mail: info@clb.org

www.clb.org

Provide services to individuals with visual impairments, including career counseling, job placement and postplacement services, independent living skills training, recreation classes, a volunteer program, and the Visionary Store with adaptive technology products. Children's services and programs include summer camp and rehabilitation. Will convert documents into Braille for a fee.

EyeCare America

Betty Lucas, Director

P.O. Box 429098

San Francisco, CA 94142-9098

Seniors Program: 1-800-222-3937 (Toll Free)

Age-Related Macular Degeneration Program:

1-800-324-3937 (Toll Free)

Diabetes Program: 1-800-272-3937 (Toll Free)

Glaucoma Program: 1-800-391-3937 (Toll Free)

Children's Program: 1-877-887-6327 (Toll Free)

E-mail: pubserv@aao.org

www.eyecareamerica.org

Raise awareness about eye disease and care, provide free eye health educational materials and facilitate access to medical eye care. Call to see if you qualify for a free eye exam.

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Jewish Braille Institute of America

110 East 30th Street
New York, NY 10016
212-889-2525 (V)
1-800-433-1531 (Toll Free)
E-mail: admin@jbrlibrary.org
www.jbrlibrary.org

Provides the visually impaired, blind, physically handicapped and reading disabled of all backgrounds and ages with books, magazines and cultural programs in audio (in 7 languages), in large print and in Braille. Services are free of charge.

**Jewish Community Center of Greater Washington
George and Tess Hurwitz Internal Light Program**

Evelyn Saile, Director
6125 Montrose Road
Rockville, MD 20852
301-348-3879 (V)
www.jccgw.org

Offer education and information for older adults who are visually impaired.

Jewish Heritage for the Blind

718-338-0500 (V)
1-800-995-1888 (Toll Free)
E-mail: services@jhbinternational.org
www.jhbinternational.org

Provide large print and Braille prayer books and other materials. Cassette-recorded readings.

Labels for Literacy Program

1-877-455-5357 (Toll Free)
E-mail: info@labelsforliteracy.com
www.labelsforliteracy.org

Produce free sheets of self-stick labels that identify common brands and products in Braille.

Low Vision Center

Terry Eason, Executive Director
7701 Woodmont Avenue, Suite 604
Bethesda, MD 20814
301-951-4444 (V)
E-mail: Terry@lowvisioninfo.org
www.lowvisioninfo.org

Nonprofit organization that helps people with low vision maintain their independence. Provide information services, a home-like demonstration area full of a variety of low vision aids and ideas, and sell low vision aids. Publish a free quarterly newsletter. Office hours are by appointment only.

Low Vision Support Group

Anita Cohen, Facilitator
301-299-7077 (V)
E-mail: anitalcohen@comcast.net

A format of guest speakers and round-table discussions to address issues relevant to adjusting to vision loss. The group meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month from September to June in Rockville.

Maryland Optometric Association

720 Light Street
Baltimore, MD 21230
410-727-7800 (V)
E-mail: moa@assnhqtrs.com
www.marylandeyes.org
Educate consumers on vision health.

Maryland School for the Blind

3501 Taylor Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21236
410-444-5000 (V)
E-mail: info@mdschblind.org
www.mdschblind.org

Provide a traditional classroom education in addition to a wide range of services, including Braille and low vision instruction, orientation and mobility, assistive technology, therapeutic recreation, residential services, career education, health services, psychology, social work, speech, physical, and occupational therapy, outreach and transition, and infant/toddler services.

Metropolitan Washington Ear, Inc.

12061 Tech Road
Silver Spring, MD 20904
301-681-6636 (V)
E-mail: information@washear.org
www.washear.org

Nonprofit radio, reading and dial-in newspaper and magazine service for the blind, visually impaired, and physically handicapped individuals who cannot read ordinary print. They are a free 24/7 service that has 350 dedicated volunteers that read and record the Washington Post, excerpts from the Washington Times, the New York Times, Time Magazine, and 100 other publications.

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National Federation of the Blind

200 East Wells Street
Baltimore, MD 21230
410-659-9314 (V)

www.nfb.org

Largest consumer organization of blind and visually impaired people in the U.S. Provide job referrals, assistive technology evaluations, vocational training centers, scholarships for students, resources for parents of blind children and other services for people of all ages.

International Braille and Technology Center for the Blind (IBTC):

A comprehensive evaluation, demonstration, and training center, complete with over \$2.5 million worth of nearly all of the tactile and speech output technology now available to the blind, the IBTC serves as a rich resource for vendor-free advice on all aspects of access technology.

Free White Cane Program: NFB will provide a free cane to anyone in the fifty states, the District of Columbia, or Puerto Rico who is blind or has low vision and who uses or desires to use a white cane in order to travel independently. Individuals may only request one free cane in any 6-month period. Applications available online at www.nfb.org/nfb/Free_Cane_Program.asp.

National Federation of the Blind of Maryland

Melissa Riccobono, President
1026 E. 36th Street
Baltimore, MD 21218
410-645-0632 (V)
E-mail: president@nfbmd.org

www.nfbmd.org

Affiliate of the National Federation of the Blind. Nonprofit made up of blind people of all ages, their families and friends. Protect, promote and advocate for the rights of people who are blind. Educational and training scholarships. Assist individuals who are blind in acquiring the skills of independence. Provide specialized information for diabetics losing their vision. Local chapters and divisions and well-trained leaders help newly blind people adjust to vision loss, and promote the full participation and integration of blind people in our communities.

NFB Sligo Creek Chapter

Debbie Brown, President
301-881-1892 (V)
E-mail: 63characters@comcast.net
Monthly meetings the 2nd Saturday of every month.

National Glaucoma Research**American Health Assistance Foundation**

22512 Gateway Center Drive
Clarksburg, MD 20871
1-800-437-2423 (Toll Free)

E-mail: info@ahaf.org

www.ahaf.org/macular

Provide information and research updates, treatment options, expert question and answer sections, and patient resources.

NFB-Newsline®

1-866-504-7300 (Toll Free)

www.nfb.org/nfb/Newspapers_by_Phone.asp

Free 24-telephone service for people who are blind, visually impaired and/or unable to read a printed newspaper. Access thousands of newspapers and magazines. Available to people nationwide. Offered by the National Federation of the Blind, the National Museum, and library services. To learn more, call the nearest Montgomery County Library or the National Federation of the Blind at 410-235-3073 (V).

Pharma Supply, Inc.

1-888-469-3579 (Toll Free)

www.pharmasupply.com

Manufacturer of a talking glucose monitor for people who are blind and have diabetes. Covered by Medicare.

Prevention of Blindness Society of Metropolitan Washington**Headquarters**

1775 Church Street, NW
Washington, DC 20036
202-234-1010 (V)

Clinic

2216 Rhode Island Avenue, NE
Washington, DC 20018
202-269-0203 (V)

E-mail: mail@youreyes.org

www.youreyes.org

Screen children for visual acuity and strabismus, and adults for glaucoma and vision loss. Provide new eyeglasses to low-income and homeless persons at a nominal fee. Host support groups and lectures.

Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic Metropolitan Washington Unit

1-800-221-4792 (Toll Free)

E-mail: custserv@rdbd.org

www.rdbd.org

Accessible audio-textbooks library for students with disabilities such as visual impairment or dyslexia. Titles available in every subject area and grade level.

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**Rockville Memorial Library -
Disability Resource Center**

21 Maryland Avenue
Rockville, MD 20850
240-777-0140 (V)
240-777-0902 (TTY)

E-mail: drcinfo@montgomerycountymd.gov
www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library

Books, videos or DVDs for, by and about people with disabilities. Enhanced collection of materials on disabilities in the Children's Resource Collection for parents, teachers and child care providers. Adaptive technology in the Computer Lab at the Rockville Library. Volunteer tutors are available for short-term training on adaptive technology. Book delivery service to customers who are homebound.

Wilmer Eye Institute

Johns Hopkins Hospital

600 N. Wolfe Street
Baltimore, MD 21287
410-955-5080 (V)
1-800-215-6467 (Toll Free)

E-mail: wilmerinfo@jhmi.edu
www.hopkinsmedicine.org/wilmer

Inpatient services and outpatient care including pre-operative and post-operative, as well as patient education. Wilmer's Eye Emergency Service is the designated eye trauma center of the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services System and delivers 24-hour-a-day care for blunt, penetrating, chemical, and other eye injuries.

Tissue Banks International

815 Park Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21201
410-752-3800 (V)

www.tbionline.org

Supply corneas and other eye tissue for sight-restoring transplant surgery. Also recover such tissues as bone, ligaments and tendons (musculoskeletal tissue) that restore mobility, as well as skin used in burn and reconstructive surgery, heart valves to correct cardiac conditions, and saphenous veins to remedy circulatory problems.

Vision Council

1700 Diagonal Road, Suite 500
Alexandria, VA 22314
703-548-4560 (V)
1-866-826-0290 (Toll Free)

E-mail: info@thevisioncouncil.org
www.visionsite.org

Provide news and information on vision health and care.

White Cane ' & More' Store

Burt Levy, Proprietor
8720 Georgia Avenue, Suite #302
Silver Spring, MD 20910-3658
301-589-0866 (V)

E-mail: info@whitecaneandmore.com
www.whitecaneandmore.com

Vision aids, tools, and technology. Resources and devices for greater independence. Offer private sessions in the office or you can request a home visit for a demonstration of a specific aid or appliance.

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